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George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library: **Minutes, Board of Trustees Meeting September 1, 2011**
In Attendance: Mike Petrovick, Nancy Hibbard, Paula Hunter, Gloria Normile, Cathy Gombas, Carol Brock,
Mary Farrell and (Public) Polly Freese

The meeting was called at 7:13PM. **The minutes of July 7, 2011 were accepted as published.**

Treasurer's Report: The donations of Heidi Dawidoff of \$25.00 each in July and August were accepted with gratitude. Re. The Harwood account: Paula has composed a letter which she will send to John Arnold, the executor, requesting more information about the disbursement of these funds and the mandatory principal balance. Paula also sent a letter to John and Diane Schott, asking authorization to combine their two accounts. Mike pointed out that for future donations or endowments we need to have comprehensive instructions from the donors re. the deposition and use of the funds. He suggested that we establish a Pre-school Book Fund with the Schott's name on it and that we build up that fund with future donations. He also suggested that we check with the treasurers of other libraries to see how they handled such matters. **A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.**

Librarians' Reports: Carol noted that the 1,000 mark was broken in July with patrons. She also reported that two assistants had resigned and that she was in the process of interviewing new candidates. Nancy and Cathy volunteered to help with this effort. Carol intends to replace the two former assistants with just one person who will serve for 8 or, budget allowing, more hours per week. Carol also informed the Board that the water bill will be increased from \$300 to \$360 next year. Also, the state asked for a voluntary increase for their down-loadable books. Carol agreed to a \$50 increase. Next year the cost will be \$70 more. Carol also reported that a mystery donor had placed two chairs and a table and two coffee cups at the new entrance to the library. We are all curious to know who the generous donors are. Further reports: The Co-op meeting with 21 other area librarians was a great success, as well as the N.H. Humanities program on Arab culture. There will be another Humanities program on Sept. 29th. The Library will be open on Labor Day, from 10 until 2:00. Mary reported that her ice cream sundae party for the summer reading group was a great success, with 61 people in attendance, 41 of whom were children enrolled in the program who had done an inordinate amount of reading. Mary would like to get more middle school students to frequent the library. Mary was also pleased to announce that the Children's Literacy Foundation allowed our Library to apply for a \$2,000 grant a year early. Mary did so, was awarded the grant, and was allowed to choose a pre-school at which the Foundation would also do a presentation and make generous book gifts. Mary chose The Grapevine. She will put an article about this in the *Francestown News*.